

## House Resolution 246

By: Representatives Oliver of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Tuesday, March 3, 2009, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol Day"; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cycling increases physical work capacity, significantly reduces harmful  
4 cholesterol levels, reduces obesity, and lessens the risk of heart disease and heart attacks; and

5 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association supports and encourages all metropolitan  
6 Atlanta cities to participate in the 2009 "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" campaign, departing  
7 from the cities of Decatur and Roswell during the 2009 legislative session; and

8 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association passed a resolution supporting the  
9 continued development of regional bike and pedestrian trails and for the creation of new  
10 trails and connectivity to existing trails; and

11 WHEREAS, the North Georgia Bicycle Dealers Association, GEORGIA BIKES, Southern  
12 Bicycle League, Atlanta Bicycle Campaign, and Bike Roswell are organizations  
13 cosponsoring the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" event, working to improve bicycling  
14 conditions, promoting bicycling throughout the state, and striving toward giving children, the  
15 general public, law enforcement officials, and cyclists more knowledge about bicycle rights,  
16 responsibilities, and safety; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation supports cycling as a cost-efficient  
18 means of transportation for Georgia's residents, also serving as a means of traffic congestion  
19 mitigation and environmentally friendly mobility; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation promotes working with local  
21 jurisdictions to improve cycling conditions by building or upgrading roads and facilities and  
22 encourages economic development opportunities that enhance bicycle and pedestrian  
23 mobility; and

24 WHEREAS, access to facilities promoting bicycle and pedestrian mobility enhances the  
25 quality of life in all Georgia communities.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body declare Tuesday, March 3, 2009, as "Georgia Rides to the Capitol  
28 Day" and commend the efforts of local and state officials to improve cycling trails and  
29 promote cycling as a viable alternative mode of transportation.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Metro Atlanta Mayors  
32 Association and the organizers of the "Georgia Rides to the Capitol" event.